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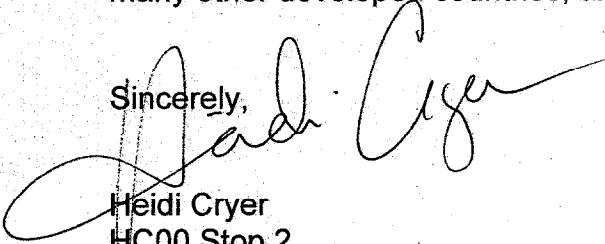
I write today to comment on the proposed new rules on genetically engineered (GE) foods. These new rules do not require labeling of GE foods. I feel this is extremely important and would ask that all products containing GE foods contain mandatory labeling.

Without mandatory labeling, I am not able to make informed decisions about what products I purchase. Neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a GE food. As a consumer, I can not opt out of the safety testing pool because I have no way of knowing if I am consuming these GE food products.

While I disagree with many other points of the proposed new rules on GE foods, without mandatory labeling, I have no way to make informed decisions. Please do not take away my ability to voice my protest about the lack of pre-market safety testing in the place where I have the most power – at the checkstand.

Please listen to the overwhelming consumer demand, and to the reasoning of many other developed countries, and require mandatory labeling on all GE foods.

Sincerely,


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